



HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR MR. MICHEL JEIFA (C) SPOKE AT THIS YEAR'S TEACHERS STUDY DAY

Jews and Resistance in France during World War II

By Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil.

After the Nazi conquest of France in June 1940, the eastern area of Alsace-Lorraine became part of Germany. Northern France and the Atlantic coast were controlled by the Occupation Forces, and the rest was governed from Vichy in collaboration with the Germans. At that time there were 330,000 to 350,000 Jews in France; more than half were not French citizens, having arrived from the East after World War I or from Germany after 1933. At first they were more vulnerable than citizens, but from both zones 80,000 Jews were deported in 1942 and later; only 2,000 of those deported survived the war. Resistance was organized in both zones by Jews and others. The speakers at the annual Teachers Study Day (TSD), sponsored by the Jewish-Christian Studies Master's Program (JCST) on March 5, 2018 with 145 educators in attendance, examined what important lessons these stories of resistance can teach our generation.



Brenna Moore, Ph.D.

The [opening lecture](#) was presented by Dr. Brenna Moore of Fordham University's Theology Department and focused on Catholic resistance to Nazism in France (1939-40). While the number of resisters was small, Dr. Moore said she saw them "as tiny flickers of lights in the vast nighttime sky of these terrible years, last embers of humanity that could have been totally extinguished but were not." Drawing from an image in Rebecca Solnit's book [Hope in the Dark](#) (Haymarket, 2016) she concluded: "These flickers of light can be held in our hands when we tell their stories today, like little torches that might guide through the darkness of our own time."

Next, Dr. Celia Deutsch, N.D.S. gave a brief presentation to supplement her [written report](#) that had been circulated among the TSD participants in preparation for the meeting. Dr. Deutsch, who is a Research Scholar in the Religion Department at Barnard College and belongs to the [Congregation of Our Lady of Sion](#), discussed the contributions of the religious congregations of the Sisters and Fathers of Notre-Dame de Sion to the Resistance in

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New Graduates and New Students

We are proud to announce and offer our congratulations to Mr. Kibwe Miller and the Reverend James Emmanuel Sangu for graduating from the JCST Graduate Program this Spring 2018 semester and earning their Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies!

Mr. Miller, who is from the tri-state area, is interested in interfaith dialogue and relations and hopes to advance society by improving upon existing bonds between people of different faith traditions.

Fr. Sangu plans to build upon his JCST studies in a doctoral program and upon graduation, return to his diocese in Mbeya, Tanzania to teach others how to promote justice and peace through interreligious dialogue and interfaith cooperation.

As we say good-bye to Mr. Miller and Fr. Sangu and look with anticipation toward their future endeavors, we also welcome three new students who matriculated into the JCST Graduate program in 2018:

- Sister Veronica Kayawe, from Newark, New Jersey
- Father Joseph Mainga, from Nairobi, Kenya
- Mr. Jay Shevins, from Livingston, New Jersey

We hope these recent graduates and new students will follow the example of the many JCST alumni who have committed themselves to building mutual understanding and harmony throughout their communities. May they continually be blessed in their vision of *tikkun olam* and their efforts to make our world more peaceful!



Sarah Salvatore

JCST Student Research Highlight: U.S. Immigration System

By Sarah Salvatore, Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Student

These were perhaps the busiest months in the news cycle. And for journalists definitely the most difficult. As the spring semester came to an end, I plunged headlong into research for my next journalistic project in the summer – investigating the economics of migration. It's widely known that the U.S. immigration system is broken. What is perhaps less discussed is the sprawling illicit economy stretching from Latin America to the US that benefits financially from maintaining the status-quo, at the expense of human lives.

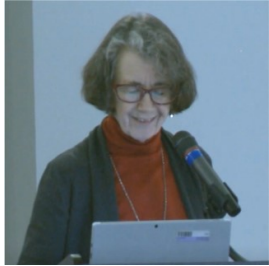
I was working on the project with two colleagues and our aim was to investigate the interlocking industries profiteering directly off the phenomenon of unauthorized migration – from the booming human smuggling in Mexico, to agriculture, one of the industries in the U.S. that is heavily dependent on unauthorized and low-skilled migrant labor.

While many stories have probed select elements of the economy around unauthorized migration and border controls, few have tried to connect the dots on how these pieces fit together. To this end, we decided to look into three main aspects of the underground economy – abuse of agricultural workers in the United States, notario fraud and human smuggling.

President Trump's promise to ramp up border and immigration enforcement is already affecting American industries that are heavily dependent on low-skilled migrant labor – particularly agriculture. It is well known that unauthorized workers are often paid far below minimum wage, face sexual abuse and work long hours without overtime pay. Most do not complain for fear of being deported. Less known is that migrants who come legally, via the H-2A visa, are often equally vulnerable to abuse and exploitation, and despite their "legal" status, are also frequently threatened with deportation. Over the summer I visited many scholars and workers, speaking with them regarding this issue. They informed me that to avoid problems with regulatory authorities, many companies are increasingly relying on "recruiters." These recruiters go to Mexican and Guatemalan villages, promising lucrative positions in the U.S. while charging migrants a handsome fee to connect them with American businesses. To pay the fees, migrants are forced to take out hefty loans from local loan sharks at high interest rates. Once they legally arrive in the U.S., they find that their wages are not as promised. Already in debt, they are not in the position to refuse or negotiate. Some employers even take their passports to ensure that they do not leave, and these migrants end up picking the produce that finds its way to our dinner tables.

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Dr. Celia Deutsch, N.D.S.

France during World War II. The Sisters of Sion have subsequently done extraordinary work on five continents in the field of Catholic-Jewish relations since the 1950s.

The documentary of Holocaust survivor, Mr. Michel Jeifa, was then screened. This testimony was documented in an interview by Esther Stone in 1997, when Mr. Jeifa was 70 years old, and can be watched online on YouTube at bit.ly/MichelJeifaInterview. As he reveals in the documentary, Mr. Jeifa was able to flee to a Protestant mountain village when he was a teenager. His parents, however, were tragically deported to their death. After the screening of Esther Stone's interview, Mr. Jeifa, now 91 years old, and his two children, answered questions from the TSD participants about various aspects of Mr. Jeifa's experience. You can view this Q&A session [here](#). Mr. Jeifa was also accompanied to the TSD by his wife and children (see the photograph on Page 1).



Michele Dahl, Ed.D.

After taking a break for lunch, participants returned to attend one of three workshops. One of the workshops was led by Oak Knoll educators, Dr. Michele Dahl and Mr. Paul Kutner, who told the heroic story of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, the Protestant village in eastern France where many Jews found safety. In addition to serving as Religion Coordinator and Campus Ministry Facilitator at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Dr. Dahl is also Advisory Board Member of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall. Her colleague, Mr. Kutner is Upper School World Languages Chair and Director of Global Learning at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child.

In another workshop Dr. Brenna Moore, the first speaker of the day, shared poetry from the War period as witness and resistance. She frequently presents her research on "spiritual resistance" to Nazism in France and is interested in the ongoing project to unearth the contributions of lesser-known women intellectuals on the margins of modern religious thought. Dr. Moore also provided a useful [bibliography](#) for those who wish to do further reading on the topic.

Mr. Jeifa and his children, Bernie Jeifa and Gisele Jeifa Joachim, led a third workshop, where Mr. Jeifa answered questions from workshop participants. You can watch this workshop [here](#). Mr. Jeifa also generously donated various memorabilia from his youth to the Seton Hall University Archives. These items were on display for the TSD participants to view.

Current JCST director Father Lawrence E. Frizzell, who organized the TSD, prepared additional education resources for all TSD participants, including a brief survey of JCST founding director Father John M. Oesterreicher's time in France during World War II. Resources also included a translation by Fr. Frizzell of Père Joseph Perrin's memories of the escape of Dietrich von Hildebrand (later of Fordham University) and John Oesterreicher, who spent 40 years at Seton Hall. These and all other TSD handouts can be freely accessed on Father Frizzell's website at bit.ly/2018TSD. A reflection on Father John M. Oesterreicher's work in France and his escape to Spain and then the United States can also be viewed at bit.ly/JMOLegacy.



Click [here](#) to watch a short video about the legacy of Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher

The Teachers Study Day offered five professional development credit hours to all participating New Jersey educators and was sponsored financially by the Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher Endowment.

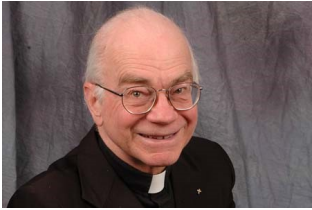
2019 TSD: POLICE IN THE NAZI PERIOD AND NOW

The theme for next year's Teachers Study Day (TSD) will be "Police in the Nazi Period and Now" and will feature keynote speaker Dr. Peter Black, former senior historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the USHMM, Dr. Black worked for the US Department of Justice Office of Special Investigations, as part of a team tracking and prosecuting suspected war criminals.

The event will take place on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Seton Hall University's South Orange Campus. We will announce more details in the upcoming weeks on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Our Teacher Study Days are specifically designed to assist educators in advancing or further developing their expertise in the area of Holocaust and genocide education. They are offered free of charge, fulfill the New Jersey legislative mandate that all students (K-12) learn about the Holocaust and other genocides and offer five professional development credit hours to participating educators.

Faculty News



THE REVEREND LAWRENCE E. FRIZZELL, D.PHIL.
 Director & Associate Professor, Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program
 Director, Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies
 Seton Hall University

Father Lawrence E. Frizzell taught three courses each semester in the graduate program of Jewish-Christian Studies (JCST) throughout 2018 at Seton Hall University, where he serves as Director and Associate Professor in the JCST graduate program and Director of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies. This year Father Frizzell also accomplished the following:

- Presented a memorial reflection on Dr. Wendell Dietrich at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Theologians at Princeton University in Princeton, NJ, February 24, 2018
- Organized the Teachers Study Day, "Jews and Resistance in France during World War II," at Seton Hall University, March 5, 2018
- Gave a lecture on Jewish-Christian relations at Kol Rina Congregation in South Orange, NJ, April 29, 2018
- Offered the Summer Seminar for Faculty at Seton Hall University, focusing on Catholic-Jewish relations in the "Declaration on the Church's Relation to Non-Christian Religions of the Second Vatican Council," May 22-24, 2018
- Served as organizer and presider of the "Jewish-Christian Studies" session and presented a paper on "Simon's Prayer and Prophecy in Luke 2:29-35" at the International Medieval Studies Congress at the Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI, May, 2018
- Wrote a book review of Pim Valkenberg and Anthony Cirelli's *Nostra Aetate: Celebrating 50 Years of the Catholic Church's Dialogue with Jews and Muslims* (Washington, D.C., The Catholic University of America Press, 2016), which was published in *American Catholic Studies*, Spring 2018, Vol. 129-1, pp. 65-67

Father Frizzell also organized the 25th Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher Memorial Lecture. The event commemorated the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies and took place at Seton Hall University on October 25, 2018. The keynote speaker, Rabbi David Fox Sandmel, Ph.D. presented "*Come Let Us Reason Together: Jewish Responses to the Catholic Church's New Teachings on Judaism.*"

Keep up with Fr. Frizzell on his blog, <http://blogs.shu.edu/lawrencefrizzell/>, and on Twitter [@FatherFrizzell](https://twitter.com/FatherFrizzell).



DAVID M. BOSSMAN, PH.D.
 Professor, Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program
 Executive Director, Sister Rose Thering Fund
 Seton Hall University

On June 5, 2018 Dr. David Bossman coordinated the 25th Anniversary Evening of Roses at Seton Hall University. This event honored Darrell K. Terry, Sr., MHA, MPH, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey, who received the first Reverend Ron Christian Community Leadership Award; and Marilyn Rosenbaum, founding board member of the Sister Rose Thering Fund. The guest speaker was Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, NJ.

Last month on October 11-13, 2018, Dr. Bossman played an active role in the annual lecture series of the [Charleston Interreligious Council](#) in Charleston SC. He is a member of the Advisory Board for the Council, having served a number of years as a board member. The Council was formerly called the [Christian-Jewish Council of Greater Charleston](#).

Dr. Bossman also helped organize the Eighth Annual Dr. Marcia Robbins Wilf Lecture, which took place on November 4, 2018 at Seton Hall University. The program's theme was "The Next Generation: Will the Story Survive? A Panel of Third Generation Voices Responds" and featured a panel of third-generation Holocaust survivors – Manya Gaver, Jonathan Hanlon, Alexa Joachim, Amanda Lanceter and Orin Wilf – that was moderated by Michael Rubell, director of Michael Rubell Holocaust Remembrance Journeys.

Dr. Bossman continues to serve as Editor of [Biblical Theology Bulletin](#) (BTB), for which he writes *Presenting the Issue* for each of BTB's quarterly numbers:

- 48:1 (February 2018 Issue) [Texts that Tease](#)
- 48:2 (May 2018 Issue) [Bruce J. Malina: A Festschrift](#)
- 48:3 (August 2018 Issue) [How Jews Survived](#)
- 48:4 (November 2018 Issue) [What Becomes a Tradition](#)

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RABBI ALAN BRILL, PH.D.
Cooperman/Ross Endowed Chair of Jewish-Christian Studies
Seton Hall University

Rabbi Dr. Alan Brill participated in the following activities during the 2018 Summer and Fall semesters:

Invited Conference Papers

- "Moving from Universalism towards Appreciation, Allophilia & Enrichment," Gegenwart und Zukunft des christlich-jüdischen Dialogs: Historische und theologische Perspektiven, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, May 13-15, 2018
- "Models of Jewish Revelation: Starting Comparisons," workshop on Constructive Jewish Theology, University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago, IL, July 24-25, 2018
- "Aryeh Kaplan's Quest for the Lost Jewish Traditions of Science, Psychology and Prophecy," Conference on Kabbalah in America, Rice University, Houston, TX, October 28-30, 2018
- "Interreligious Dialogue and its Theological Responses. Perspectives From Within the Traditions" and "Sacredness of Nature in the Jewish Tradition," 2018 Parliament of the World's Religions, Toronto, Canada, November 1-7, 2018

Conference to which Rabbi Brill submitted a paper

- "The Use of Maimonides in the Thought of Rabbi Shlomo Elyashiv in contrast to Rabbi Hayyim of Volozhin," XI Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland, July 15-19, 2018

Public Talks

- Six talks on Jewish thought, Shavuot Carlebach Synagogue, New York, NY, May 20-21, 2018
- "Jewish Mediation" and "Jewish Mediation Compared," Sixth Street Community Synagogue, New York, NY, June 9, 2018
- "Varieties of Modern Orthodoxy," Kingsway Jewish Center, Brooklyn, NY, October 6, 2018
- "History of the Zohar," Syrian Jewish Community, Flatbush, Brooklyn, NY, October 20, 2018

Rabbi Brill also attended two Jewish-Muslim Encounter Meetings on August 5 and October 14 under the aegis of Interfaith Encounter Association, of which he is a board member, and taught various courses in the JCST graduate program throughout 2018.

Connect with Rabbi Brill any time on Twitter [@kavvanah](https://twitter.com/kavvanah) and/or on his blog, "The Book of Doctrines and Opinions: notes on Jewish theology and spirituality," at <https://kavvanah.wordpress.com/>.

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I also met activists who informed me about lawyer frauds. Immigrants who did not speak English were defrauded of thousands of dollars by fake lawyers who promised them green cards. These green cards never came and as a result, many immigrants were placed in removal proceedings, some being deported back to dangerous countries like El Salvador, where they had fled from gang violence.

All these stories stand against the larger backdrop of how a broken immigration system ends up benefitting those who exploit the vulnerable. But amidst these tales of tragedy, what stood out was the selfless contribution of many Catholic organizations, on both sides of the border, that help migrants making the treacherous journey to the United States. Annunciation House in El Paso and Juarez, Kino Border Initiative located in Nogales, Arizona and Nogales Sonora, Mexico are just a few examples of how faith-based charity organizations are working hard to provide direct humanitarian assistance and affirm the dignity of those fleeing their countries.

Sarah Salvadore is a data and investigative journalist. She uncovers and writes stories about human rights violations and the refugee crisis, through a gendered lens. Sarah matriculated into the JCST graduate program in 2017 to help inform her future reporting as she covers conflicts in places such as Syria, Central America, Kashmir and Africa. She aims to gain a better understanding of religion, its practices and consequences and is especially keen to study the role women play in religiously-motivated conflicts.

2019 Tentative Spring Course Schedule

JCST 6006 Biblical Readings in Hebrew Bible II — Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil., To Be Determined

JCST 6028 Modern Jewish Thinkers — Alan Brill, Ph.D., Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.

JCST 7030 Law and Ethics — Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil., Monday, 6:15 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.

JCST 7036 Peace and War in the Bible — Lawrence E. Frizzell, D.Phil., Thursday, 6:15 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.

JCST 7544 Encountering Other Religions — Alan Brill, Ph.D., Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.

JCST 7567 Personal Rights & Responsibilities for a Just Society — David Bossman, Ph.D., Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.

JCST 7573 Strategies for Healing in Jewish-Christian Relations — David Bossman, Ph.D., Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.

JCST 9001 AA Thesis — Staff, TBD

Visit the [2017-2018 Graduate Catalogue](#) for detailed course descriptions of these and all courses in the Master of Arts in Jewish Christian Studies Program.



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